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METRO HITS 10-YEAR MILESTONE

Fans celebrate while watching Canada's men's hockey team beat Russia during the 2010 Olympics at GM Place in Vancouver. Metro is celebrating its 10th year of covering news in the Lower Mainland, so we've turned back the clock to look at the biggest stories of the past decade. Pages 22-27. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

Craft brewers asked to cut back on water

Beer. Commercial water use jumped 10% from 2013 to 2014

Metro Vancouver's craft beer industry is blossoming, but the city is worried breweries are becoming a drain on the region's water supply.

Commercial water use in Vancouver jumped 10 per cent from 2013 to 2014, while residential water use stayed the same, according to the city.

With craft beer producers continuing to pop up, the city says breweries are among those responsible for the spike in water consumption and is asking beer-makers to cut back.

But some brewers are worried that could affect the quality of the product.

Ken Beattie, executive director of the BC Craft Brewers Guild, said water plays an integral role in the beer-making process, from brewing to bottling and cleaning.

"The reason we make such quality beer is because the brewers are so adamant about cleaning," said Beattie. "They clean more than they brew."

Cutting back on water could affect the beer's taste and pose a health risk to consumers, he said.

At the same time the city is looking to cut back on water, Metro Vancouver is in the process of introducing a new bylaw that requires brewers to manage their organic waste and prevent it from entering the regional sewer system.

Graham With, brew master at Parallel 49 in Vancouver, said he hopes both governments work together to ensure their water and waste policies aren't at odds.

"Getting your waste water in check is already a lot of work," he said. "Now trying to limit your water consumption as well is another headache you have to deal with."

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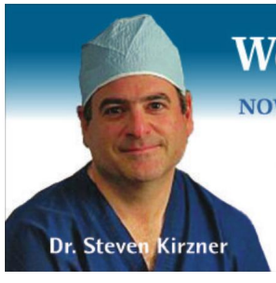

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Plebiscite video lets riders point out what really 'sucks'

Transit. Creators of video hope their message resonates with voters more than simple stats

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A transit plebiscite video in support of the "Yes" vote has become an Internet hit by tackling congestion in a way the mayors' campaign won't dare.

Four friends — Jorah Porteous, Jeremy McElroy, Ben Z. Cooper and Graeme Campbell — posted a video on YouTube called "This Sucks Vancouver!" on Monday night that features Porteous interviewing disgruntled transit users and visiting crowded transit hubs throughout the region to explain how proposed transit improvements could help both public transit users and motorists.

"Leading up to the spring referendum, I think we can all agree on three things: That we all hate politicians, taxes and TransLink," Porteous narrates. "But what we would hate even more is watching our roads get increasingly f—ed as a million new people come, with absolutely no new money to pay for it."

"This lineup sucks," says one woman waiting in line for the 99 B-line bus at Commercial and Broadway.

While the region's mayors and their supporters have been trying to sell their vision — and the proposed 0.5 per cent Metro Vancouver Congestion Improvement Tax that comes with it — to voters with population estimates, projected economic losses and policy announcements, This Sucks Vancouver! taps into something more primal.

"It lets us say the things that the 'Yes' side hasn't been able to say," said McElroy. "We wanted to give commuters an opportunity to have their say and be heard. That, yeah, we need these upgrades."

A YouTube video produced by a group of friends hopes to put a new spin on the "Yes" campaign ahead of the transit plebiscite. YOUTUBE

McElroy doesn't believe dense, high-level statistics (like the $2 billion mayors claim would be lost in economic activity due to congestion) has resonated with voters.

That's been reflected in the polls, with Insights West reporting this week that the "No" side has steadily been gaining a majority with its clear anti-tax, anti-TransLink campaign.

According to the poll, 55 per cent of people plan to "definitely" or "probably" vote "No," compared to 33 per cent for "Yes."

"No one wants to pay more money, it's easy to be a hater," Porteous told Metro.

"But it's not really about whether you like TransLink. It's about whether we want to put the money that's needed into a big infrastructure boost."

Porteous is listed as a creative director and principal at Point Blank Creative, a firm specializing in "guerrilla media, business, politics, online marketing and film" which has worked with Vision Vancouver in the past. Campbell is also listed as a writer and director on Point Blank's website.

However, Porteous said this video has no affiliation with Point Blank Creative, and added that neither he nor anyone else who produced the video has been paid or contracted for it.

"I make videos for a living, but this is a Jorah project, not a Point Blank project," he said.

The video was produced outside of business hours, he added. By press time, the video had been viewed nearly 7,000 times and featured by multiple print, radio, television and online media outlets.

The mail-in plebiscite on transit funding runs March 16 to May 29.

A huge pane in the neck

Workers sweep up broken glass after a pane fell from the under-construction Trump International Hotel and Tower and onto West Georgia Street on Tuesday. Nobody appeared to be injured, but the road was closed while crews cleaned up. Local media reported that the glass fell from the 56th floor.

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SFU. School's Louis Riel residence to be shut down

One of the oldest student residences at Simon Fraser University has reached the end of its life and will be shut down next summer, the university says.

Officials made the decision two weeks ago to close Louis Riel House at the end of August after continuing concerns about the deteriorating living conditions and air quality in the building.

The 110 residents, including 20 families with children, were informed of the closure last weekend, said Nancy Johnston, SFU's executive director of student affairs.

Johnston said the building has reached the end of its life, so it is being closed and likely will be demolished.

"We've put significant amounts of money in to remediate the building," she said, adding there are still chronic issues with water leaks and mould.

Officials planned to meet Tuesday night with Louis Riel residents to discuss finding new places to live. Johnston said there are more affordable rents off campus, at the base of Burnaby Mountain.

"None of us can afford to move out," said student Teresa Dettling, who occupies a two-bedroom suite at Louis Riel with her seven-year-old daughter and pays $990 a month.

She said SFU allowed the building to run down so it can build more highrise towers, with rents expected to be at least double what students pay now.

"The residence is being closed because of health concerns because it hasn't been maintained," Dettling said.

When she moved in two years ago, she planned to stay for four years until she finished her degree in history and First Nations studies.

Teresa Dettling NEAL HALL/METRO

The community at Louis Riel House is great but the university allowed the structure to deteriorate, she said.

"It's a slum," Dettling said. "I have no hot water in my bathroom sink and it's been that way for several months."

The building has problems with leaks, causing some bedrooms to be closed because of mould, she added.

Dettling said students can't file complaints under the Residencial Tenancy Act to force repairs by the landlord because the university is exempt.

She said another student residence, Shell House, was built after Louis Riel and was recently renovated.

She said the private UniverCity apartments on campus charge about $2,000 a month for a two-bedroom.

Residents are planning to hold a protest rally at noon on March 18 in the main concourse of SFU's Burnaby campus.

The rally will call for current residents to remain housed on Burnaby Mountain at the same rents, and demand that affordable housing for low-income student families be included in future campus developments. NEAL HALL/METRO

Paramedics perform CPR on Bryan Turner, 32, of Vancouver, who died Monday while BASE jumping from the Perrine Bridge in Idaho. DREW NASH/MAGICVALLEY.COM

Vancouver man dead after failed BASE jump

Idaho. Bryan Turner, 32, fell 148 metres from the Perrine Bridge into the water following a parachute malfunction

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A Vancouver man died Monday after his parachute failed to open during a BASE jump from Idaho's Perrine Bridge.

Bryan Turner, 32, was jumping off the 148-metre bridge with a group of friends around noon when he plummeted into the waters of Snake River, said Lori Stewart, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sherrif's Office.

"His chute did not open and he hit the water," Stewart told Metro.

Nearby kayakers on the water were able to pull Turner to the shore and began to perform CPR on him while they waited for paramedics to arrive, she said.

"They said he was breathing at the time," said Stewart. "But once on shore, they said his breathing became laboured and stopped."

An air ambulance transported Turner to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center where he died of his injuries.

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Lori Stewart, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sherrif's Office.

Turner, who was originally from Vancouver, was most recently living in New York, she said.

Art Selin, who was watching the group jump from the bridge, said he saw Turner strike the water.

"He just went straight down," Selin said. "He didn't appear to have any life from what I could see. He was barely breathing when the helicopter came."

Stewart said Perrine Bridge is one of the few man-made structures in the U.S. where BASE jumping is legal.

"We've had several deaths resulting from BASE jumping, multiple injuries," she said.

BASE, which stands for building, antenna, span and Earth, is an extreme sport that involves jumping from a cliff or a man-made structure with a parachute.

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Woman's terminal cancer in remission

Clinical trial. Trish Keating saved by drug normally used to treat high blood pressure

Trish Keating's cancer was a particularly vicious breed.

Her colorectal-cancer diagnosis in 2010 was followed by a repeating cycle of surgeries, chemotherapy, radiation and, when she and her doctors thought they had finally slain the beast, relapses.

Keating, who worked as a costume designer in the film industry, was told in late 2013 that the cancer had returned once again — and this time it was terminal, and she might have two or three years to live.

Last fall, Keating, 67, joined a clinical trial in Vancouver that sequenced the genome of her tumour in order to determine the best treatment. She was put on a drug typically used to treat high blood pressure, and within five weeks the cancer was barely detectable.

"When you've lived with cancer for five years and you're trying to beat the dragon that's breathing behind you, when finally someone says to you, 'We can't see any (cancer),' first of all you're incredulous, kind of in a state of shock," Keating said.

"It takes a while. It took me and my husband a couple of days for that to set in."

Keating's doctor treated her as part of a B.C. Cancer Agency study into personalized onco-genomics, or POG — an experimental method of examining tumours to identify potential treatment.

While the technique could be years away from widespread clinical use, the researchers hope it could one day allow doctors to customize treatments to each patients' individual tumours and improve their odds of survival.

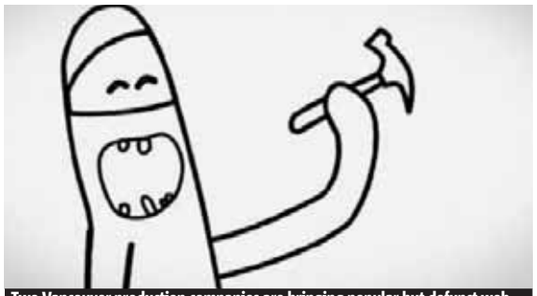
Dr. Howard Lim said that in Keating's case, the genomic sequencing identified a specific protein as the driving force behind her cancer. His team identified an existing blood-pressure medication known to block pathways to that protein.

"I remember it was right after New Year's and I gave her a call," Lim said, recalling when he received the first test results after five weeks of treatment with the new drug. "The results came to my desk, and I couldn't believe it."

At the two-month mark, Keating's cancer was undetectable and she is now in remission. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trish Keating successfully underwent an experimental colon-cancer treatment with a drug commonly used to treat high blood pressure. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver companies reviving White Ninja



Two Vancouver production companies are bringing popular but defunct web comic White Ninja back to life as an animated series for Vine. SCREENGRAB/VIMEO

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One of the Internet's favourite cartoon ninjas is poised for a comeback thanks to two B.C. production companies.

Whiskaye Films and North of Now Films, both based in Vancouver, are teaming up to bring popular Saskatoon-made web comic White Ninja back to life as an animated series. It will be the first web series made specifically for the video app Vine.

Jameson Parker, a producer with Whiskaye Films, said fan reaction has been "overwhelming" so far.

"Usually, when you have a series, you know it's good but you've got to convince everybody else how great it is," he told Metro. "But with White Ninja, there's none of that. People are really excited about it."

Created in 2002 by cartoonists Scott Bevan and Kent Earle, White Ninja is a simple three- to six-panel web comic starring a title character that, despite his name and appearance, is almost never seen performing any martial arts. The comic quickly gathered a cult following that lasted a decade, until its creators decided to take a break three years ago. When creator Bevan was approached about reviving the series, he was skeptical at first. But Bevan said he quickly got on board once he heard the team's ideas.

"It's exciting," he said. "It allows me to not have to worry about the business side, which is why it went on hiatus in the first place."

The producers are optimistic White Ninja will become a Vine success story. A teaser posted on the web app last week saw more than 70,000 views in six days. The biggest challenge, said Parker, is "staying true" to the magic that was the first White Ninja while also appealing to new fans.

"You can't try to capture lightning in a bottle again," he said.

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Military failed dead soldier's family: Report

Ottawa. Parents of Cpl. Stuart Langridge were disrespected during suicide investigation, commissioner finds

Sheila Fynes and her husband Shaun attend a news conference about the Final Report of the Fynes Public Inquiry, Tuesday in Ottawa. A report into how the military handled the 2008 suicide of an Afghan veteran says the family of Cpl. Stuart Langridge was disrespected, ignored and given potentially misleading information.
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For seven years, Sheila and Shaun Fynes fought against a military police bureaucracy that the commission probing their complaints now says had been systematically ignoring, disrespecting and misleading them.

That fight is far from over, Sheila Fynes declared Tuesday as she promised to keep digging into the suicide of her son, Cpl. Stuart Langridge — and to press the military into fixing the way it handles sudden death.

"We sincerely hope that this is not the end of our journey but rather the beginning of a fitting legacy for Stu," Fynes told a news conference on Parliament Hill.

Langridge, 28 — a veteran of Canada's war in Afghanistan — hanged himself in the Edmonton barracks in 2008, just days after being discharged from a military hospital despite having told doctors he would rather die than return to the base.

Langridge, who was described as an asset to the military, struggled with addiction and potential post-traumatic stress disorder ever since his return from Afghanistan and had tried in the past to end his own life.

Three investigations were held after he died, but — frustrated by what they saw as incompetence and bias on the part of investigators — the Fynes filed a formal complaint to the military police complaints commission.

They sat through nearly every one of the resulting 62 days of public hearings into their complaints, travelling between Ottawa and their home in Victoria.

In his report released Tuesday, commissioner Glenn Stannard found that some of events the family cited didn't happen the way they remembered. He cleared military police of any bias or lack of independence on their part.

But the family still deserved better treatment, Stannard said.

"From the beginning of the 2008 investigation right through to the written briefing three years later, the Fynes were not treated by the (Canadian Forces National Investigations Service) with the respect and consideration they were entitled to receive," the report concluded.

"They were often ignored and the information provided to them was at best inadequate and at worst potentially misleading."

Among the issues raised was the fact the military didn't disclose that Langridge had left a suicide note until 14 months after it was found. It said, among other things, that he wanted a family funeral rather than a full military funeral, which is what was held. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nunavut. Report cites host of issues at notorious jail

Nunavut's government has known for years about a litany of problems with the territory's main jail but has done little to fix them, says a harsh report from the federal auditor general.

Michael Ferguson's report, released Tuesday, found staff at the Baffin Correctional Centre routinely patched holes in the walls with flammable plywood, kept prisoners in the gymnasium because there weren't enough cells and allowed the most dangerous criminals to mingle with other inmates, even those on remand.

"Issues at this facility include holes in walls, the presence of mould, non-compliance with the National Fire Code and the housing of inmates with medium- and maximum-security ratings in a minimum-security facility — all of which continue to put the safety and security of inmates and staff at risk," the report says.

The findings echoed those of a 2013 report by the federal Office of the Correctional Investigator and should come as no surprise to residents of Nunavut, who have long known about problems with the jail. THE CANADIAN PRESS

By the numbers

82

The auditor general's team says the jail held an average of 82 inmates in 2013-14, even though it only has capacity for 68.

London, Ont.

Baby abandoned on driveway

A London, Ont., man made a shocking discovery when he left his house for work Tuesday morning and found an abandoned baby at the end of his neighbour's driveway.

The baby was dressed in pyjamas and had a blanket, but Anthony Franze says its hands and face were exposed to the cold air.

He says the child seemed to be about three months old.

London police are investigating the case. CFPL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ottawa

Man loses legs in elevator accident

A man in his 80s has lost both his legs after being pinned in the threshold of an elevator door at an Ottawa seniors home.

Police say the man's injuries were so severe his legs had to be amputated in hospital, where he remains in critical condition.

The man was conscious at the time of the incident and he suffered life-threatening fractures and crush injuries to his legs. It's not clear how he became pinned but police are investigating. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lanaudière region

Measles numbers spike in Quebec

There are reports of a spike in the number of people with measles northeast of Montreal.

The reports say the number of cases in the Lanaudière region has risen to 80, up from 32 at the end of February.

A staff member said the situation was evolving but would not confirm any figures until a news conference scheduled for Wednesday.

The CBC says all of the cases involve unvaccinated children and adults and are traced to an outbreak at a California amusement park.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver, Toronto

Spring real-estate season off to a strong start

Rock-bottom interest rates, a scarcity of supply and growing demand from millennials and wealthy immigrants have fuelled a strong start to the spring real estate season in Toronto and Vancouver.

"Spring has come early for both Toronto and Vancouver," said Sal Guatieri, a senior economist at BMO Capital Markets.

Both cities experienced growth in sales volumes and prices during the first two months of the year, Guatieri said.

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Slain soldier honoured in repatriation ceremony

Trenton, Ont. Sgt. Andrew Joseph Doiron was shot and killed in what has been described as a friendly-fire incident in Iraq

Military pallbearers from the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command carry the flag-draped casket of Sgt. Andrew Joseph Doiron on Tuesday at Canadian Forces Base Trenton in Trenton, Ont. Inset: Sgt. Doiron was killed by friendly fire during operation Impact on March 6, in northern Iraq. LARS HAGBERG/THE CANADIAN PRESS; INSET: CONTRIBUTED/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Scores of Canadians peered through the fence of an air force base as the body of a Canadian soldier killed in Iraq returned home Tuesday in a once-common ceremony that has grown rare since the end of the country's mission in Afghanistan.

Many saluted in silence on a raw grey day as the casket carrying Sgt. Andrew Doiron began the journey to Toronto following a brief repatriation ceremony at Canadian Forces Base Trenton in eastern Ontario.

At the family's request, citizens who showed up to pay their respects and media were kept outside the base.

"I haven't missed a repatriation ceremony yet and I'm not about to, regardless of the circumstances," said Hunter Vickers, 19, from nearby Belleville.

Vickers said it was important for the families to see "random citizens" show up as a show of support and appreciation for the hard work and sacrifice of the slain soldiers.

Among dignitaries on the tarmac were Gov. Gen. David Johnston and Defence Minister Jason Kenney.

Outside the fence, a "Support our Troops" flag fluttered in the breeze as people watched quietly.

After the ceremony, the motorcade carrying Doiron's casket headed west to Toronto for an autopsy along a stretch of highway dubbed "Highway of Heroes" that frequently saw such motorcades during Canada's combat in Afghanistan.

Only the body of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo — gunned down as he stood ceremonial guard in Ottawa in October — has travelled the route since the mission's end in 2011.

People began lining the route hours in advance, with some setting up Canadian flags on highway overpasses.

Others injured

Three other Canadians were wounded in the firefight.

- One was evacuated to Germany while the other two were still in the Iraqi city of Irbil for treatment of more minor injuries.

Doiron, 31, described as an enthusiastic and patriotic soldier, was shot and killed in what has been described as a friendly-fire incident in the darkness of night as his special forces unit was returning to an observation post in Iraq.

Officials with the Kurdish peshmerga said their forces opened fire on the unsuspecting Canadians after they showed up at the front line unannounced — a claim denied by Canadian officials.

The Canadian soldiers are part of a 69-strong contingent helping advise and train forces fighting against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). THE CANADIAN PRESS

Scandal. Sen. Duffy's trial may focus on arcane rules

The provocative opening statements of the Crown and defence might start Sen. Mike Duffy's fraud and bribery trial off with a bang, but what follows in the early stages is expected to be decidedly less dramatic.

The first few weeks are expected to dwell on the arcane world of Senate financial rules and regulations.

While the details of what constitutes a legitimate travel or per diem claim may seem downright dull, the answers will go the heart of the dispute over whether Duffy's expenses constituted fraud or not.

Duffy faces 31 charges relating to alleged breach of trust, fraud and bribery.

In laying the charges, the RCMP described two "avenues" directly relating to the expenses issue — his filing of living expenses for his secondary residence in Ottawa, and the filing of travel expenses for trips they allege were not for Senate business.

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Politics. Tories prejudiced against Muslims: Trudeau

Justin Trudeau is accusing the Harper government of deliberately stoking fear and prejudice against Muslim Canadians — employing the same kind of rhetoric that led in the past to some of Canada's most shameful displays of racism.

The Liberal leader drew a parallel Monday between the current government's rhetoric about Muslims and other "dark episodes" in Canada's history: The internment of Ukrainian, Japanese and Italian Canadians during the two world wars, turning away boatloads of Jewish and Punjabi refugees and the imposition of residential schools for aboriginal children.

Since two Canadian soldiers were murdered by men with radical Islamist sympathies last October, Trudeau said, the government has been blurring the line between the genuine threat terrorism posed to national security and "simple prejudice."

"I believe they have done it deliberately and I believe what they have done is deeply wrong," Trudeau said in the text of a speech delivered in Toronto to the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada.

"It is nothing less than an attempt to play on people's fears and foster prejudice, directly toward the Muslim faith. This is not the spirit of Canadian liberty, my friends."

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Harper comments

Stephen Harper is doubling down on his aversion to face-covering veils worn by some Muslim women, calling them the product of a culture that is "anti-women." The prime minister also says wearing a niqab is unacceptable and contrary to Canadian values.

Public safety minister dismisses concerns over anti-terrorism bill

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney is trying to assure Canadians that proposed anti-terrorism measures won't run roughshod over civil liberties.

In his testimony Tuesday at committee hearings examining the federal legislation, Blaney dismissed concerns the new provisions would allow the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) to squelch or infiltrate environmental protests that fall outside the letter of the law.

Quoted

"These allegations are completely false and, frankly, ridiculous."

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney

The planned measures are needed to protect the public from extremists who hate Canadian values, Blaney said during a meeting of the House of Commons public safety committee.

The international jihadi movement has "declared war on Canada" and other countries around the world, Blaney told MPs Tuesday.

The Conservatives brought in the bill, which would broaden CSIS's mandate, following the murders of two Canadian soldiers last October.

The legislation would give the spy service the ability to actively derail terror plots, make it easier for police to limit the movements of a suspect, expand no-fly list powers and take aim at terrorist propaganda.

Neither the new disruptive powers nor the information-sharing provisions apply to "lawful" advocacy, protest or dissent, but some fear the bill could be used against activists who demonstrate without an official permit or despite a court order. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Myanmar

Police arrest 127 at protest of education law

Hundreds of riot police charged at students protesting Myanmar's new education law on Tuesday, pummelling them with batons and then dragging them into trucks, bringing a quick, harsh end to a week-long standoff. Authorities said more than 120 people were arrested.

In recent days the government has crushed several protests in and around Yangon, usually by dragging protesters into trucks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'India's Daughter'

Documentary makes U.S. debut

A rape documentary banned from airing in India received its U.S. premiere at a star-studded event on Monday that included actresses Meryl Streep and Freida Pinto. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

French athletes die in chopper crash while filming reality show

Argentina. Sailing champion Florence Arthaud, Olympians Camille Muffat and Alexis Vastine had been filming a reality TV show

The wreckage of one of two helicopters that crashed sit on the ground near Villa Castelli, La Rioja province, Argentina, on Tuesday. Investigators have recovered the bodies from the remote site in northwest Argentina where the two helicopters collided in midair, killing 10 people, including two former French Olympians in a tragedy that shook France and brought renewed scrutiny of the dangers while filming reality shows. NATACHA PISARENKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Much of France was in mourning and looking for answers on Tuesday following the crash of two helicopters in a remote part of Argentina that killed 10 people, three of them French sports stars taking part in a glitzy new reality TV show.

Olympic champion swimmer Camille Muffat, Olympic boxer and bronze-medallist Alexis Vastine, and pioneering sailor Florence Arthaud died in Monday's crash. They had been among the contestants in the reality TV show Dropped.

The helicopters collided in the air near Villa Castelli, about 1,170 kilometres northwest of Buenos Aires, La Rioja regional Secretary of Security Cesar Angulo told TN television. All 10 people on board — eight French nationals and two Argentine pilots — were killed.

Photographs and mobile-phone footage showed the burning wreckage of the helicopters in dry scrubland of a sparsely populated area along the Andes mountain range that separates Argentina and Chile.

French Prime Minister Manuel Valls said France's foreign ministry is in contact with authorities in Argentina to determine what caused the crash. President Francois Hollande expressed the "immense sadness" about those who died.

The crew had arrived Sunday in Villa Castelli, where it had previously filmed a version of Dropped for Switzerland and Denmark, said Mayor Andres Navarrete. The remaining victims were identified as Laurent Sbasnik, Lucie Mei-Dalby, Volodia Guinard, Brice Guilbert and Edouard Gilles, as well as pilots Juan Carlos Castillo and Roberto Abate.

French Secretary of State for Sport Thierry Braillard said on the BFM TV channel that "French sport has lost three stars this morning."

Other Dropped contestants on hand included former France and Arsenal striker Sylvain Wiltord, ice skating champion Philippe Candeloro, former Olympic swimming champion Alain Bernard and veteran cyclist Jeannie Longo. None of them was involved in the accident.

William Forgues, Muffat's companion, told i-Tele cable news channel that she was instructed not to reveal details about the show filming, but "told everybody that it was great. She was not forced (to do things). She was where she wanted to be."

"C'est la vie," he added. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.K. Syria-bound girls won't be charged if return

Three British schoolgirls who travelled to Syria to join the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) won't be prosecuted for terrorism if they return, a senior British police officer said Tuesday.

Police chiefs also defended their handling of the case, denying a lawmaker's allegation that the failure to stop the teens was "a huge blow" to the credibility of the force. Mark Rowley, head of counterterrorism for the Metropolitan Police, told lawmakers that "we have no evidence to support (the teens') involvement in terrorism."

The journey of the three 15- and 16-year-olds last month shocked many in Britain, left their families bewildered and highlighted the difficulty of halting the radicalization of young Muslims. Relatives say police failed to inform them that a friend of the teens had gone to Syria in December. They say if they had they known, they would have looked for any warning signals of radicalization. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Diplomacy

U.S. ambassador speaks after attack

U.S. Ambassador Mark Lippert vowed Tuesday not to change his "open and friendly" approach to diplomacy, as he left a South Korean hospital five days after being attacked by a knife-wielding man screaming about Korean unification.

Lippert told reporters he felt "pretty darn good, all things considered" after the incident on Thursday, when police say an anti-U.S. activist slashed his face and left arm during a forum in Seoul.

Lippert, face bandaged and arm in a brace, would not comment on specifics of the attack because of the investigation. He refused to discuss possible new security measures except to say officials would examine procedures. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Campaigns rally for a woman to lead UN

Gender relations. WomanSG.org to feature around a dozen women who could fill the top job

At a private working lunch for the five most powerful members of the United Nations Security Council, the conversation turned to the question of the next UN secretary-general.

A European ambassador reminded colleagues of a General Assembly resolution nearly as old as the 70-year organization itself, a guiding document for a selection process for UN chief that has remained secretive and almost completely male.

The January 1946 resolution says a "man of eminence and high attainment" should hold the post.

Perhaps, the ambassador suggested, some might want to add the words "or a woman."

No doubt. Just three female candidates have been included in past, but now two campaigns are launching to make sure the next "Your excellency" is a she.

"There have been eight men and no women. To me, it's time," said Jean Krasno, a lecturer at Yale who leads the new Campaign to Elect a Woman Secretary-General.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will remain in office through Dec. 31, 2016, but the talk about his successor has already started. Ban's successor is expected to be chosen late next year, though there is no official date.

On Sunday, the campaign will launch WomanSG.org to feature around a dozen women it says are outstanding possible candidates with political experience. Every few weeks, another group of possible candidates will be posted online.

Next month, the international women's rights group Equality Now will launch a similar Time for a Woman campaign urging the public to pressure the UN and member states to make gender a serious consideration. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seven high-profile women that are possible contenders for UN chief, left to right, top to bottom: UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova; International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde; Lithuania's President Dalia Grybauskaitė and Danish Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt; EU Commissioner Kristalina Georgieva; former New Zealand Prime Minister and UNDP administrator Helen Clark, and Chilean President Michelle Bachelet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Oil trains. Spate of recent derailments raises alarm

Four trains hauling crude oil have derailed in Canada and the U.S. since mid-February, rupturing tank cars, spilling their contents, polluting waterways and igniting fires that burned for days.

The derailments have deepened safety concerns that if an oil-train accident were to occur in a populated area, the results could be disastrous.

Rail and hazardous-materials safety experts said the number of accidents is going up because the oil boom in Canada and the U.S. has dramatically increased the amount of oil shipped by rail. Last year, railroads moved 493,126 tank cars of crude oil, compared to 407,761 in 2013. That's up from just 9,500 cars in 2008 before the hydraulic fracturing boom took off in the Bakken region of North Dakota, Montana and Canada.

Most of the accidents in the U.S., as well as the Lac-Mégantic derailment, involved trains hauling Bakken crude. Government tests show Bakken crude is more volatile than most crude oil.

Experts say many factors can cause accidents: from too great a speed, to operator fatigue to cold weather. When it is very cold, as it has been across much of North America, steel rails and train-car wheels can contract and become brittle. If the steel has a manufacturing flaw, no matter how small, it can spread rapidly in the cold weather.

Canadian and U.S. officials are working on new regulations to increase the safety of train operations and of the special tank cars that carry oil, including tank cars that have thicker shells and electronically controlled brakes that stop cars at the same time rather than sequentially.

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"You get real cold weather like this, and a rail can just snap.... A wheel will shatter like a piece of glass."

Ed Dobranetski, a former U.S. National Transportation Safety Board rail-accidents investigator

Target's troubles spread to the U.S.

People leave Target Corp.'s downtown Minneapolis corporate headquarters Tuesday. After shedding 17,600 employees in Canada following its decision to pull out of the country, Target is continuing the exercise in the U.S. The retailer said Tuesday it is laying off 1,700 workers and eliminating another 1,400 unfilled positions as part of a restructuring aimed at saving $2 billion US over the next two years. A Target spokeswoman said the cuts will come primarily at headquarters locations in the Minneapolis area, where the company employs about 13,500 people. COURTESY STAR TRIBUNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Children's medicine

Manufacturer agrees to pay $25M

A manufacturer of Infants' and Children's Tylenol and Children's Motrin has agreed to plead guilty to a criminal charge it sold products that contained metal particles, say court documents unsealed Tuesday. McNeil Consumer Healthcare agreed to pay $25 million US to resolve the case.

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VOICES

TV COUNTING DOWN TO ITS FINAL EPISODE

With HBO's announcement that they are switching over to an internet-based service, it's only a matter of time before cable dies for good

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You see Tim Cook, resplendent in a half-zip mock-neck pullover, next to a 30-foot projection of Mickey Mouse on a watch face and you say to yourself, "This is the most significant consumer-technology announcement of the week." But you're forgetting HBO. You're forgetting the real news.

The real news, in case you missed it: HBO is breaking up with cable.

Richard Plepler, head of the pay-TV giant, showed up at Apple's big unveiling on Monday to tout HBO NOW, a new internet-based service, first hinted at in October, that will launch in time for the Game of Thrones premiere in April and that will make available to viewers who don't have a cable or satellite subscription a large and up-to-date trove of the network's much-loved and much-coveted offerings. Deadwood, The Wire, The Sopranos — the whole gang (save Dream On, Larry Sanders and a bunch of other stuff) will be accessible on Apple TV and all the other iThings.

Need I even mention that this service is only planned for the U.S.? That's right — it's yet another boon for the American media consumer (add it to the reasonable mobile data rates and that seemingly bottomless Netflix selection) and yet another occasion for the Canadian media consumer to feel sorry for herself as the words "Content not available in your territory" flash in her mind's eye.

Except that to see the HBO-Apple deal simply as another treat that we're not getting (right away) is a typically Canadian overemphasis on the superficial downside.

Let's suspend the pity party long enough to recall what's been going on up here the past couple of years: Millions of Canadians enthusiastically sign up for Netflix; thousands cut the cable cord; the Conservatives use time in a throne speech to promise to unbundle cable packages; then, later, they vow in a tweet never to tax Netflix and YouTube; Rogers and Bell launch Shomi and Crave, so-called over-the-top services that provide to their TV subscribers streams of shows and movies not available on Netflix; the CRTC issues a surprise fiat that undermines the value of Bell's 2017 Super Bowl broadcast rights by preventing the broadcaster from subbing out American ads during the game.

There's a pattern forming on both sides of the border, and the HBO-Apple deal is just the latest manifestation of it.

The pattern is intricately disjointed when inspected up close, but, at a distance, its broad form is easy to discern: TV as we know it in this country is about to be a thing of the past.

The capacity to stream video via the internet — no airwaves, insulated coax or satellite relay required — means the TV-signal distributors (i.e., the cable and satellite companies) no longer hold all the cards. The government knows it, the internet-based startups know it, the distributors definitely know it, and the networks know it, too.

The media blogger Steve Faguy made the situation plain a few months ago in an interview on the Canadaland podcast: There's nothing preventing every Canadian channel from streaming online, and the only reason they're not already doing it is that, for the moment, despite Netflix and cord-cutting, the traditional regulated broadcast system is still where the bulk of viewers are found.

But there's no reason why that can't change and quickly.

It's in this light that the HBO-Apple deal is instructive: That HBO, the consummate premium cable-and-satellite brand, is now taking the first step toward disintermediating its cable and satellite partners should be seen by Canadian observers not as a power move on the part of one-of-a-kind player, but as a sure sign of things to come.

Big-ticket movie-and-prestige-drama channels constitute one of three main categories of TV product that wed people to their cable bills; news and live sports are the others.

Now the biggest of the big-tickets is stepping out. What's to stop the NHL or NFL from doing the same? Broadcast-rights contracts? Those don't last forever.

If you're a cable or satellite provider, you can take solace in the fact that you'll still be selling internet access when all the TV shows are streamed on the internet.

Or at least you will be until Tim Cook reaches into his pullover drawer and announces that Apple is going to start giving the internet away for free.

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Character matters — and it's worth the expense

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There are good reasons why governments see fit to intervene in granting birth certificates to parents who wish to give their children unusual names.

They don't want children to be named things that will cause offense to others ("God Hates Italians Johnson"), or to be named things that will bring hurt or ridicule upon them ("Ugly Moron Smith").

These are reasonable examples of government interference in the naming of children.

But the Northwest Territories' Vital Statistics Department went too far when they told Shene Catholique-Valpy that she couldn't register her newborn baby under her given name — Sahai?a, Chipewyan for "when the sun peeks through."

The reason they gave was that the name included a character that's not part of the Roman alphabet, and therefore couldn't be included on a birth certificate or on federal documents like passports.

If you don't know how to pronounce that name, that's fine. Like me, you're not used to characters that indicate a glottal stop — a sound we don't use in English.

One might argue this is our problem, as English speakers, and not the problem of the mother or her child.

However, we can all agree that the child has a name, whether or not all of us can pronounce it.

Being asked by the territorial government to register her birth under a different one, implying a different pronunciation and meaning, is an insult to Catholique-Valpy.

In Canada, names matter more to many Indigenous people than non-Natives may think.

For several decades now, there has been a growing demand for Indigenous people to reclaim the languages, cultures, and traditions that Canada spent more than 100 years trying to destroy in what former prime minister Paul Martin called the "cultural genocide" of Residential Schools.

That recovery of history is without a doubt an inspiration to the growing chorus of voices demanding that Sahai?a Catholique-Valpy get a birth certificate with her actual name on it. (Up to this point she doesn't have one, nor a health card: her mother has been paying out of pocket for her medical treatment.)

The only strength of the argument in favour of denying her a birth certificate is that it would cause bureaucrats would to have to figure out a way to include in Canadian identification documents languages like Chipewyan that existed on this land for thousands of years before Europeans decided it was Canada.

That will have a financial cost, and we can expect a protest from the usual aggrieved voices over the outrage of the government spending money to include the characters required to name all Canadians in its documents.

However, Canada isn't doing enough right now to foster a healthy relationship between its government and its First Peoples.

This is a problem both on grand and minor scales. When the Assembly of First Nations is consistently at odds with the feds over issues like education we see the tension in its more dramatic form.

Yet when a Chipewyan woman can't even get her child a birth certificate and health card because bureaucrats are not willing to use characters outside the Roman alphabet the indignation we are hearing is no less fiery, and no less pressing to resolve with common sense and decency.

It will cost money to reprogram some computers, but building better relationships with Canada's first peoples — both in big and small ways — should seem worth the expense.

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Juno you can do better

As the Junos roar into Hamilton this weekend, it's clear the venerable awards show has grown a bit rusty. Below are five ways the Junos might be improved.

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Charm Drake

Drake's gold throne sits atop an enviable nexus of critical adoration, sales supremacy and superstardom. Rightfully, he should have many Junos alongside his other gilded baubles. But he hasn't appeared at the show since 2011, when he was shut out — and, his rap peers argue, embarrassed — in six different categories, despite hosting the show in his hometown. Lord knows, his absence is deeply felt.

An M.I.A. MC

No disrespect intended to Jacob Hoggard (below), but his band Hedley had already been announced as a Junos performer when CTV said he would also host. The decision generated little discernible buzz for the show — as did having Classified, Johnny Reid and Serena Ryder collectively host last year. The three shows prior to that were helmed by Michael Bublé, William Shatner and Drake, who infused the Junos with a greater degree of star power. If the host is unlikely to bring in new viewers, why not go without one — as the Junos did successfully in 2010?

Take more risks

Organizers seemed to make an effort to reel in newcomers this year, including Shawn Mendes, Magic! and Kiesza (above), along with veteran Deadmau5. But what took so long? The Junos should endeavour for early adopter status more often, and broaden their idea of relevance. For instance: Wouldn't a few of Grimes' roughly 270,000 Twitter followers tune in to see the eccentric electronic composer's Junos debut, regardless of her album sales?

Play Cancon Tinder

The Grammys haphazardly play musical matchmaker and often it doesn't work out. But the Junos have had better luck in the rare instances they've coerced collaboration — Deadmau5 and Lights come to mind, as does the increasingly historic pairing of Drake and Justin Bieber. Continuing to link Canucks might generate more excitement than seeing the same familiar faces play their last or (eye-roll) next single.

Conquer insecurity

Can we cut the international album of the year category? The only rational justification for its existence is to persuade non-Canadian stars to attend the show — and if that's the plan, it's failing. Unless CTV is keeping secret an appearance by Katy Perry, Taylor Swift or Lorde (above). While this category has allowed us the opportunity to accurately refer to Eminem as a two-time Juno winner, its time has come and gone.

In the promised Zoolander

The obvious highlight of Paris Fashion Week so far?

The sight of veteran male model — and signature-look Blue Steel innovator — Derek Zoolander triumphantly returning to the runway for Valentino, sporting a custom Night Butterflies brocade suit and overcoat.

OK, not really. But Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson did make a surprise appearance in Paris, using the catwalk as a means to cleverly announce that a sequel to the 2001 comedy Zoolander is officially happening. The long-awaited followup has been talked up for years, with Stiller discussing plot ideas in interviews as far back as 2010.

Justin Theroux reportedly wrote the script, with Penelope Cruz on board to star alongside Stiller, Wilson and Will Ferrell. No release date has been set yet.

Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson. ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Gossip

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METRO'S TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Mom, please don't Express Yourself

Madonna and daughter Lourdes

So what's it like to be the 18-year-old daughter of an iconic, boundary-pushing sex symbol? Pretty awkward, as it turns out. Madonna admits to Carson Daly during a Today show interview that oldest daughter Lourdes isn't dealing too well with some of mom's racier material. "(Lourdes) is horrified by all of it," Madonna explains. "She just wants me to be her mom." That's one request Madonna has apparently been taking very seriously, especially now Lourdes is off to the University of Michigan as a freshman. It turns out Madonna can still embarrass her daughter the old-fashioned way. "I'm very, you know, worried. 'Are you OK? Are you getting enough sleep? Are you eating right?,'" she admits. "I was worried about the fact that she didn't have enough towels, Q-tips, you know." Lourdes, it seems, just can't win.

Music

Pharrell, Thicke copied Marvin Gaye for Blurred Lines, jury finds

Robin Thicke, left, and Pharrell Williams. GETTY IMAGES

A jury awarded Marvin Gaye's children $7.3 million on Tuesday after determining singers Robin Thicke and Pharrell Williams copied their father's music to create Blurred Lines, the biggest hit song of 2013.

Marvin Gaye's daughter Nona Gaye wept as the verdict was being read and was hugged by her attorney, Richard Busch.

The verdict could tarnish the legacy of Williams, a reliable hit-maker who has won Grammy Awards and appears on NBC's music competition show The Voice.

An attorney for Thicke and Williams has said a decision in favour of Gaye's heirs could have a chilling effect on musicians who try to emulate an era or another artist's sound.

The Gayes' lawyer branded Williams and Thicke liars who went beyond trying to emulate the sound of Gaye's late-1970s music and copied the R&B legend's hit Got to Give It Up outright.

Thicke told jurors he didn't write Blurred Lines, which Williams testified he crafted in about an hour in mid-2012.

Williams told jurors that Gaye's music was part of the soundtrack of his youth. But the seven-time Grammy winner said he didn't use any of it to create Blurred Lines.

Gaye's children — Nona, Frankie and Marvin Gaye III — sued the singers in 2013 and were present at the verdict. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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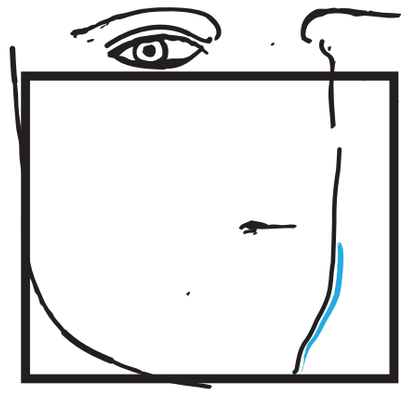

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LIFE

Beyond the beach in Punta Cana

Trend. Tour operators realize travellers want more than just a rum-soaked resort stay: Enter the boutique resort with immersive cultural activities

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This time of year, most Canadians are ready to shed their down-filled parkas and salt-and-grime-covered boots in favour of bathing suits and flip-flops — and soak up some vitamin D.

But not everyone wants to stay in a crowded all-inclusive where they don't see life beyond the walls of the resort. These days, there's a trend toward smaller, boutique resorts offering a more personalized experience, and more of a focus on sustainable tourism and experiencing local culture.

Sunwing Vacations, for example, recently opened the adults-only CHIC Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic, which offers a Miami South Beach vibe — with only 323 stylish suites. The resort features a poolside DJ booth, "mermaid" pool, oxygen bar, culinary "chef's table" experience, and spa with hydrotherapy circuit. And lots of mood lighting.

In an atypical move for a tour operator, Sunwing purchased the resort, so it "owns" the experience from start to finish. "It's working really well for us," says Jaqueline Grossman, senior director of marketing with Sunwing Travel Group. "It allows us to extend the whole value proposition across the entire experience, from the time you get on the plane with champagne service (through your stay at the resort)."

CHIC Punta Cana offers a Miami South Beach vibe and tours through the DR. PHOTOS: VAWN HIMMELSBACH/METRO

Drink it

- **Mama Juana.** In the DR, it won't be long before someone offers you a shot of the local drink of choice: Mama Juana. Originally prepared by the Taino Indians as a medicinal drink to cure a range of ailments from headaches and joint pain to poor libido, the modern-day version consists of a mix of twigs, barks and herbs steeped for days in rum, red wine and local honey. Just don't drink too much, or what ails you will be a nasty hangover.

While Canadians crave beach time, they still want to get off the resort — at least for a day or two. Country Safaris, a local tour operator that works in conjunction with Nexus Tours, takes tourists off the resort to see the countryside, visit villages and sample Dominican coffee, cacao and cigars.

Tours off the resort offer travellers the chance to see some Dominican industries like coffee plantations.

It's also a chance for tourists to purchase locally produced products, such as coconut oil and rum, straight from the farmers.

The DR is also seeing a big ecotourism trend, says Julio Lopez, a tour guide with Nexus Tours. It has responded by partnering with The Nature Conservancy, The Smithsonian and the United Nations, turning more than 25 per cent of the country into natural parks, reserves and marine sanctuaries.

Isla Saona — a postcard-perfect tropical island — is part of a protected national park system that makes up a good chunk of the Caribbean coastline.

Tourists can visit the island with tour operators such as Nexus Tours for a day of snorkelling, swimming and sunbathing on miles of inhabited beaches.

Closer to Punta Cana, tourists can head to Samaná Bay — one of the first whale sanctuaries in the world — to spot humpback whales, or the Indigenous Eyes Ecological Preserve for a dip in a freshwater lagoon believed to hold medicinal properties.

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Two nations, one island

Not everyone who visits the Dominican Republic realizes it shares the island with Haiti. But while the DR is considered a tropical paradise, Haiti remains one of the poorest countries in the world. This goes back to colonial times, when the Spanish handed over the western third of the island to the French in 1697. Hundreds of thousands of African slaves were brought there to help produce sugar, coffee, cacao and cotton. But the slaves rebelled and gained independence in 1804, renaming the former colony Haiti. However, independence was followed by rebellions, coups and dictatorships. Massive deforestation and a coastline prone to hurricanes have added to the country's socio-economic problems.

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Celebrate winter's last gasps with these unique cold weather activities

ON THE MOVE
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Sick of the slopes? There are still ways to embrace the last few weeks of wintry weather that don't necessarily involve strapping on skis.

Perhaps one of the biggest trends in winter sports is snow biking, thanks to changes in bicycle technology — specifically, the exploding popularity of fat bikes.

Fat bikes can crush snow banks and float over powder in ways that traditional bikes can't. Outside Kelowna, B.C., the Silver Star Mountain Resort's Thursday Night Rides offer the opportunity for fat bikers to congregate on their two-wheeled steeds for a guided ride through Silver Star's snow-covered trees.

But if you really want to end winter with a bang, consider the Olympic Biathlon Experience at Manitoba's Falcon Trails Resort.

Voyageur Quest cabin, northwest corner of Algonquin Provincial Park.
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With the help of skilled biathlon coaches, you will discover the rules and rhythms of this unique sport, which combines cross-country skiing and rifle shooting.

With a total of 26 provincial parks open this winter, Ontario is the perfect place for a weekend of winter camping. Eight have accommodation for rent, including cosy yurts, park rangers' cabins or even an off-the-grid log chalet with all sorts of extras like Canada Goose coats and snowshoes for your use.

If you are snowshoeing in Quebec's La Mauricie National Park, head to Solitaire Lake or Lac aux Chevaux and take the snow-tag challenge.

Using a GPS or a compass, draw an ephemeral piece of art with your snowshoes by walking or running on frozen lakes, then retrace your steps to the nearest lookout where you can admire your work and snap a photo.

Lastly, grab your fishing pole and catch your own dinner in downtown Montreal. Situated at the Clock Tower Quay in the Old Port of Montreal, the ice fishing village on the St. Lawrence is enjoying its' third year of operation.

With heated tents and cabins you can rent out your spot on the ice for six hour periods.

Make sure to have a valid fishing licence; they do sell them on site.

Bucket list

Bora Bora

Nothing can prepare you for the exotic beauty of the island of Bora Bora, French Polynesia's incredible showpiece. This paradise offers a true taste of isolated island life, influenced by some of the very best things France is known for — great food included. Over-water bungalows of the major hotel chains are worth the splurge, and provide the perfect spot to keep an eye on the beach, the lagoon, the ocean and your book — all at the same time. Go snorkelling right off your back step, book a tour to swim with the sharks or feed the sting rays. Island-hopping is encouraged: You can't come all this way and not experience authentic Huahine or the inlets of Moorea. April to October is the best time to go. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

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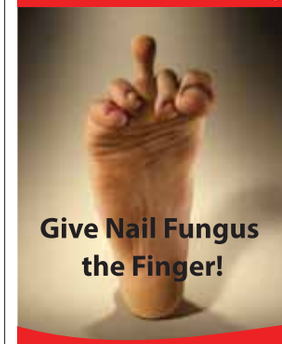

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Habits that may be holding you back at work

Tips. When it comes to a stalled career, sometimes you can only blame yourself

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Do you feel held back at work?

It's easy to blame competition or management when you hit a brick wall in your career. It can be awfully frustrating, especially when your day-to-day life seems to become more and more repetitious.

But it's important to remember that there is always something you can be doing to change your situation — and the first step is recognizing what you might be doing (or not doing) that's stopping your career advancement.

Climbing that corporate ladder takes more than just simply showing up to work every day. ISTOCK

Not speaking up

One of the things that may be holding you back from moving up the ladder in your workplace is keeping quiet.

Speaking up when you have an idea or something to contribute shows your employer that you not only care about your job, but also the company you work for. Sharing your input is also a great opportunity to demonstrate to your employer that you are capable of much more than doing assigned tasks, which could lead to bigger and better opportunities within your workplace.

It's also important to make sure you're asking questions. If you don't understand something, need more clarification, or you just want to learn more, don't hesitate to speak up and ask. People often fear that not understanding something may make them look bad; on the contrary, speaking up and asking the right questions will show your eagerness to learn.

Being overpowering

Nobody likes the bully in the workplace, and being too abrasive about your ideas and the projects you're working on can create negativity and tension. The reality is, every workplace involves working with others, and everyone has a different work style. Adjusting yourself to be able to work with any type of person is one of the best qualities you can bring into a workplace, and one that can only benefit you.

So how do you demonstrate leadership? Listen to everyone's ideas, and act as a mediator. Yes, you can put your foot down when it's absolutely necessary, but a true leader is able to come up with solutions with their team, and make everyone feel included. These qualities are sure to be noticed by management, and it will hopefully result in your career progression.

Not taking initiative

There is almost nothing more irritating to an employer than having to babysit one of their workers. They want to see what you are capable of — but if they're constantly on your back about what you are working on, they are not likely going to give you additional opportunities.

Taking initiative and getting stuff done before it is asked of you is a quality that employers look for in their employees. Be the type of employee that your boss doesn't have to worry about because you are always one step ahead.

This means knowing what tasks you have for the day. Get your work done on time (or ahead of time, if possible). If you have questions, reach out to someone — don't wait for someone to come up to you. If you're done your work, ask if there's anything you can assist with.

Lacking positivity

No matter how efficient you are at your work or how intelligent you are, you'll have a difficult time advancing if you don't demonstrate that you enjoy the work. Employers will be hesitant to promote someone who doesn't seem passionate, especially since individuals in management positions are often expected to represent the company in a positive fashion to both their team and clients.

Luckily, this is fairly easy to remedy. Smile and greet your colleagues on a daily basis. It may feel forced at first, but you'll find you'll adopt to your new habits soon enough!

Not showing commitment

Not showing that you're committed to your job and workplace can be a huge reason you aren't advancing. Employers look for people willing to go above and beyond, who aren't just there for a paycheque.

Show commitment: you may need to come in early or stay late to get a project done on time, or hook your email up to your cell phone to stay on top of everything.

Perhaps you're doing this already, and management hasn't noticed. Consider sending your manager a casual update through email, letting them know what you've been working on and how it's going. Briefly mention the processes you've implemented, or the different steps you've taken to make sure everything is taken care of. This is a subtle way of making sure you're on their radar!

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Most students are encouraged to look for jobs during their final year of college or university. If you haven't been lucky enough to land a job right away, job hunting can become an anxiety-inducing, exhausting experience.

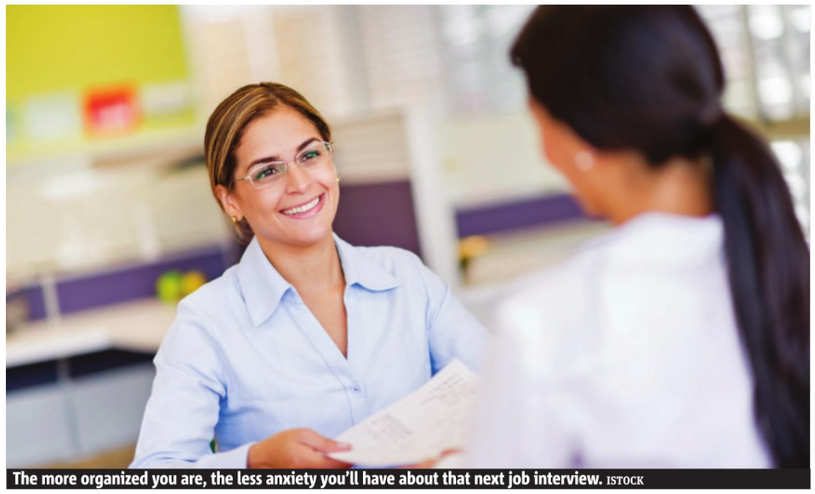
Staying organized is the best way to keep your head on your shoulders. You don't want to forget to follow up with a recruiter, or forget to send out an application. And since most students and grads almost always have a device at their fingertips, apps and programs are a great way to stay on top of your job hunt. Here are a few strategies.

Spreadsheet programs

Spreadsheet programs like Microsoft Office Excel, Apple Numbers, and Google Drive Sheets are an easy way to stay organized. For every potential job, make columns for the following:

- Date you saw the ad
- Company name
- Job title
- Duties (alternatively, ad URL)
- Application closing date
- Required materials
- Date application submitted
- Status of application

Of course, these are suggestions; feel free to customize to your needs. Consider having different spreadsheets for different kinds of jobs. For example, if you're looking into administrative and social media jobs, it can be more convenient to divide the jobs by this category.


The more organized you are, the less anxiety you'll have about that next job interview. ISTOCK

To-do list programs

If you are not a fan of spreadsheets, consider to-do lists. There are a wealth of choices out there, and many of them are cross-platform and available as mobile apps. Some examples are Trello, Wunderlist, and Any.Do.

The great thing about these programs is the ability to create different lists: you can have a checklist for each job you're applying to. Include the job title, company name, and the application deadline.

For each job:

- Research the position
- Revise resumé
- Write cover letter
- Send resumé and cover letter
- Prepare for interview
- Attend interview on (date) at (location)
- Send post-interview thank-you note

Some of these are larger tasks than others, so if necessary, split them up as separate points in the to-do list.

For example, preparing for an interview is a complex task. This may involve choosing an outfit, researching the company and your interviewer(s), and making sure you know your way to the interview location.

The advantage of to-do lists is that you have a clear list of tasks and each time you check something off, you get a sense of satisfaction.

Web clipping and read-later programs

Bookmarking a web page is not the same as saving it. This can be done with a web-clipping program like Evernote Web Clipper or a read-later program like Pocket and DotDotDot. The purpose of these programs is to save and archive job advertisements.

Once you have job advertisements saved, it will be useful to organize them into different folders.

Your system can be organized by job type, which can refer to the industry or whether the job is short-term contractual or potentially long-term.

If possible, annotate your archived clippings. These notes to yourself can be a great line for the cover letter or a reminder to talk to someone you know who works in the company.

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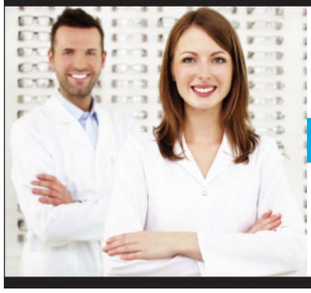
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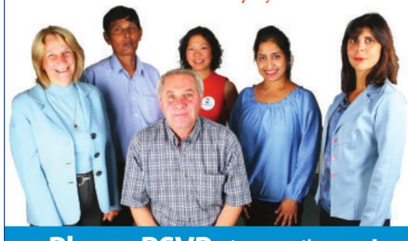
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Extra! Metro looks back at some of the big stories we covered over the last decade

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The newly opened Canada Line cross the Fraser River into Richmond in 2009. JEFF HODSON/METRO

Piled logs can be seen at Prospect Point in Stanley Park a few days after a massive windstorm blew over thousands of trees in 2006. JEFF HODSON/METRO

The Queen of the North. HANDOUT/CANADIAN PRESS

Air India verdict

March 16, 2005

Ripudamen Singh Malik and Ajaib Singh Bagri are found not guilty on all counts in the 1985 bombing of Air India flight 182 in B.C. Supreme Court in Vancouver.

In all, 329 people were killed, including 268 Canadians, when a bomb destroyed the 747 off the coast of Ireland. It is considered Canada's largest mass murder.

Queen Of The North sinking

March 22, 2006

The B.C. Ferries' vessel the Queen of the North sank in the waters south of Prince Rupert after it failed to shift course and crashed into Gil Island in the middle of the night. Two people — Gerald Foisy and Shirley Rosette — are presumed to have drowned. In 2013, Karl Lilgert, the ship's navigation officer, was found guilty of criminal negligence causing death.

Stanley Park windstorm

Dec. 15, 2006

Powerful winter winds that reached 115 km/h buffeted the South Coast, blowing over about 10,000 trees in Vancouver's Stanley Park.

Sections of the Seawall were destroyed when massive red cedars fell onto it from the cliffs above. The subsequent cleanup and replanting cost an estimated $9 million, with a sizable portion coming from private donations.

Robert Dziekanski dies at YVR

Oct. 14, 2007

Polish immigrant Robert Dziekanski died at Vancouver International Airport after he was Tasered several times by RCMP officers. The arrest was recorded by a Victoria man. The video (which was initially seized by police) was later released to media and contradicted the RCMP's early version of the events. In response to the incident, B.C. launched a public inquiry into Dziekanski's death and the safety of conductive energy weapons, headed by retired judge Thomas Braidwood.

Six people murdered in Surrey

Oct. 19, 2007

Two innocent victims, Ed Schellenburg and Chris Mohan, were among six men executed at the Balmoral Tower in Surrey during a hit on a rival drug dealer.

In December 2014, two former Red Scorpion gangsters, Cody Haevisher and Matthew Johnston, were handed life sentences after being found guilty of murder. Two other men have also pleaded guilty in the incident. Former Red Scorpion leader Jamie Bacon is also charged. His trial is expected to begin in May.

Pickton found guilty

Dec. 9-11, 2007

Robert (Willie) Pickton was handed a life sentence with no chance of parole for 25 years after a jury found him guilty of second-degree murder in the deaths of six women.

Prosecution on the murder of 20 other women was stayed. Following appeals, the province tapped former attorney general Wally Oppal to head The Missing Women Commission of Inquiry. Oppal's report made 65 recommendations to address some of the gaps that allowed Pickton to prey on society's most vulnerable.

Canada Line

Aug. 17, 2009

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The tax, which came with a $1.6-billion transition payment from the federal government, sparked outrage in B.C. and led to a province-wide binding referendum in 2011 that killed the HST and re-instated the previous PST/GST regime. Partly because of the tax, Campbell's popularity plummeted and he resigned as premier in early 2011.

2010 Winter Olympics

February 2010

The culmination of years of planning and millions of dollars in infrastructure, the 2010 Olympics turned the eyes of the world to Vancouver for two glorious weeks.

The Games got off on a tragic foot — Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili was killed during a training run and had some early hiccups as one arm of the Olympic cauldron failed to rise during the opening ceremonies and beautiful, warm weather left mountain venues hurting for snow. Despite the rough start, storylines that included Alex Bilodeau becoming the first Canadian to win a gold medal in Canada, Joannie Rochette skating to bronze the day after her mother's death, and the men's and women's hockey teams winning gold medals, caused the nation to erupt in an explosion of pride.

Family member of Robert Pickton's victims says a prayer after his conviction in 2007. RAFE ARNOTT/METRO

2011 Stanley Cup Finals/riots

June 2011

The greatest Vancouver Canucks' team since the organization broke into the NHL, came within a hair's breadth of winning the Stanley Cup.

The excitement of the run captivated the city, with tens of thousands of people watching the games on big screens outside the CBC. The Canucks came oh-so-close to winning. But they didn't, losing in seven games to the Boston Bruins. After the final, riots rocked the downtown. Vehicles were set on fire, people were assaulted, stores were trashed and looted. In the aftermath, citizens gathered to help cleanup, an inquiry was launched to find the cause of the riot and a team of investigators combed through hours of footage and photos. To date, almost 900 charges have been brought against 300 people.

Amanda Todd

Oct. 20, 2012

Prior to her death by suicide, Amanda Todd, posted a haunting black-and-white video on Youtube that detailed her blackmail and torment through a series of flash cards.

The death of the Port Coquitlam teen was among a series of high-profile incidents that brought the issue of cyberbullying to public's attention.

Police investigators search the grounds outside the Balmoral Tower in Surrey following the death of six men in 2007. AMY CHUNG/METRO

10 years and counting

JEFF HODSON

MANAGING EDITOR, METRO VANCOUVER

Reflecting on the last decade

Walking into Metro's office in March 2005 as part of a small team for the soon-to-launch Vancouver edition, I was struck most by the large pile of cardboard on the floor.

The sheer amount of cardboard — something I'd never given a lot of thought to before (nor any since) — sticks with me as a great visual representation of how much work, planning and furniture that goes into setting up a business.

Our office was a beautiful open-concept space in Yaletown with high ceilings, exposed brick and overhead ducts. Coffee shops on every corner.

The computers were shiny and brand new. Someone forgot to set up the phones — a fairly crucial news gathering device. But an IT guy "borrowed" some Wi-Fi and set us all up with ultra-staticky VOIP phones. (VOIP is Internet talky for "Hello? Are you still there?")

Another co-worker, I'm not sure what he did, drifted around the office, randomly and fairly aggressively asking people if they were drinking his water. Don't ask.

A decade has flown by — Metro is celebrating 10 years in Vancouver. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

It was an interesting time. Everyone on the launch team was excited, keen and a little nervous (even that water guy) about the coming adventure.

And then we launched.

I put my head down, started writing — and just lifted it up this minute. Not literally, of course, or this would be the most astounding, most perfect, most agonized over 400 words that were ever written. They are not.

But the time — a decade, that is — has flown by.

Co-workers came and went, and were replaced by new faces. Our phones finally got hooked up. Shiny computers got dull and crashed a bunch and then died with indignant whirrs. We chased news and wrote stories. A lot of stories.

Ownership changed. We made errors and wrote corrections. Someone cleaned up the cardboard. Someone else flooded the dishwasher. BlackBerrys became iPhones (unless you are Matt Kielty-ka).

We left the beautiful office in Yaletown and moved to a dapper old gent of a building in Gastown. And wrote more stories.

Everyday has been different. Some have been tough, but a fair number of them have been exciting and fun. We've tried our best to turn our mirror on Vancouver to give you a quick and easy briefing on the news of the day and stories that we think are worth chatting about.

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STEPHANIE ORFORD
For Metro

The Canada Line crosses the Fraser River into Richmond in this file photo. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

Vancouver in numbers

- **10,000 trees.** The estimated number felled in Stanley Park by a devastating windstorm on Dec. 15, 2006.
- **62-storeys.** The height of Vancouver's tallest building, the 201-metre Living Shangri-La, completed in 2007 at the corner of Thurlow and Georgia streets downtown.
- **1.8 billion viewers.** Watched the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver, for which Vancouver and Whistler built six world-class athletic venues.
- **101 arrests.** Of rioters on the streets of downtown Vancouver after the Vancouver Canucks lost the Stanley Cup to the Boston Bruins in 2011.
- **107 food trucks.** Allowed on the streets of Vancouver since the city started its food truck program in 2010.

Since Metro first appeared in the hands of commuters at SkyTrain stations across Greater Vancouver 10 years ago, the urban centre has developed a new rapid transit line that shuttles more than 100,000 people per day, and pulled off the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, watched by more than 1.8 billion people worldwide.

If the world didn't know about us before, they do now.

We have altered how the world sees us, but we have also changed how we see the world.

Vancouverites are thirsty for arts and culture, said Barbara Chirinos, executive director of the Granville Island Cultural Society. Chirinos moved to Vancouver from New York 13 years ago and since then has watched the local arts scene mature and internationalize.

Organizations that once held single annual events have "stepped up for more relevant, interesting and innovative programming over the course of the year," she said.

The Fringe Festival has begun holding shows like the One-Man Star Wars Trilogy. The Vancouver Writers Festival holds readings at the Vancouver Public Library. Many other arts organizations are following suit, Chirinos said.

The city's internationalization has also created changes in demographics across the city, said Gordon Price, director of the City Program at Simon Fraser University.

International students are flooding into Vancouver because local institutions are upping the quotient they accept, he said.

"When I take the Robson bus home, I hear a cacophony of languages," Price said.

The region's public transit system has "improved remarkably," says Price, counting a new bus fleet, SkyTrain line and cars among the major expansions over the last 10 years.

TJ Dawe performed his new show Marathon as part of the Vancouver Fringe Festival's opening night birthday bash on Sept. 2, 2014. ANITA LEE/MY CITY PHOTOS

Dougie Luv, owner of DougieDog Hot Dogs, creator of the world's most expensive hotdog, with his food truck in 2013. ERIC DREGER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"We're a much more transit-oriented community now," Price said. "That's one of the reasons people would make the decision to live here."

As the next decade unfolds, Price expects, among other developments, technologies like Uber will become commonplace, potentially resulting in a bump for the Vancouver tech scene.

As a tech hub, Vancouver is starting to develop a reputation, said Kirsten Sutton, vice-president and managing director of SAP Labs Canada.

Over the last decade, technology in B.C. has grown at an accelerated pace, budding from a culture of small start-ups to a community of big businesses like Hootsuite, Vision Critical and Avigilon.

International tech companies have seen the potential and set up shop here, too, including Microsoft, SAP, Amazon and Google, meaning more high-quality jobs for Vancouverites, Sutton said.

"B.C. tech companies are hiring more people than the top three resources — forestry, mining and oil and gas — combined," she said.

Vancouver's entrepreneurial spirit is one of our secrets to success, she said, and it's a trait that has been part of the city's DNA since far before tech came onto the scene.

"The reputation we have here in Vancouver is that whatever comes our way we're going to embrace it and run with it because we want to be successful," Sutton said.

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A bronze statue of Canadian track and field runner Henry (Harry) Winston Jerome in Stanley Park is set against the city skyline at sunset Feb. 19, 2009, in Vancouver. ROBERT GIROUX/GETTY IMAGES

What does the future look like?

10 years. Two experts weigh in on how Vancouver will develop

NICK WELLS
For Metro

As we look back on 10 years of Metro Vancouver, we asked two experts to share their thoughts on what Vancouver and the region could look like in a decade.

Metro spoke with Michael Geller, an architect, who was the president and CEO of Simon Fraser University's UniverCity from 1999-2006, which was a sustainable community built adjacent to the campus.

Metro also spoke with Brent Toderian, Vancouver's former planning director.

What will downtown resemble?

Michael Geller: "Well, the first is that the Shangri-La hotel tower will not be the tallest building in downtown. It will have been dwarfed by a number of new highrise towers.

Brent Toderian: "Architecturally, I think the Shangri-La will still be the tallest because that's the plan. The Trump Tower will be the second tallest and the third is the Hotel Georgia. That was the plan in terms of skyline, but what we're going to see is more interesting architecture in the skyline."

What will the Downtown Eastside resemble?

MG: "Two different scenarios on the Downtown Eastside. If the zoning put in place last year remains, and no changes in zoning are made in the next eight to 10 years, I actually fear the DTES will not change very significantly. On the other hand, if there is some change in the zoning, which allows for a broader mix of housing and condos, then I think we will see those vacant storefronts build up with new businesses and an area that's much more vibrant and dare I use the word — normalized."

BT: "I think it will be more diverse, with more social housing, more housing provided for people who need housing. I think the community will likely be more diverse and I think there will continue to be tensions around that change."

Will the use of laneway houses still be trending upwards?

MG: "I think we will see the laneway and coach houses that have become popular. In the region, most municipalities will be permitting them 10 years from now because it will be seen as a good way to protect the single-family neighbourhoods while gently increasing their density."

BT: "They will be growing steadily. Other housing options will continue. Laneway and secondary suites will continue to grow across the region. At the regional level, (we will) continue to see lots of density and transit. The suburbs will continue to transform with malls turning inside out and turning into towers. The 1960s shopping mall will be the transit town centre. We'll see more of gentle density city, road houses, density and mid-rises. Duplexes, stacked townhouses, forms of townhouses that have a relationship to the street. We'll see more mid-rise and towers will still be part of the conversation but not the lazy assumption."

Ben Chan says he has 'regular' customers at Granville Station. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Paper promoter. People are just one perk

He had spent his working life in arcades. Tucked away on Granville Street, Ben Chan had been working at a local video arcade for 13 years before he decided he wanted a change of pace and scenery.

A diagnosis with diabetes provided the push he needed to find a job that would get him away from sitting all day.

Looking to get some fresh air and time away from all the electronic screens, he decided to become a Metro promoter.

"It allows me to meet a lot of different people and also stay active," he said. "When I stay home, I watch TV and don't get any exercise. This helps me get out."

He admits he is a fan of watching television and the job with Metro serves as a good precaution against wasting away his day.

For the past five years, he has been a fixture with Metro. First he worked at Waterfront Station, which he said showcased a wide range of people and personalities, before moving to Granville Station for the past four years.

He said he knows his "regular" customers who greet him every morning and is happy to have become a well-recognized feature of the station.

He said the job has become part of a routine and he enjoys interacting with regular commuters, some of whom he said ask about him if he doesn't show up on his normal day.

NICK WELLS/ FOR METRO

We asked: What's your favourite thing about Metro and how do you make it part of your day?

"It's daily, up-to-date articles. It gives me a brief idea of what's going on. I actually also pick it up to bring it back to the girls at work, too, for their lunch breaks so they can read it."
— Emma Lea Craig

"The horoscopes are very accurate, which is good. I like getting a quick look at what's going on and it actually takes the exact time of my commute to read it. It gives me a lot of information in a short story."
— Ana Alfieri

"I could go somewhere else down the street and pick up a newspaper when I'm heading up the road. I come here to see (Rosalea, the newspaper promoter's) smile."
— Vinchenzo Danes

"It's a good, really quick read. It's short but is great for when I'm on transit and looking to get up-to-date stories."
— Marlies Green

"There's tons of great segments in it ... I always read it to get my information on the city. Metro tries to include little pieces of everything and I really like that." **— Myranda Andrade**

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Spearheaded by businessman Grant Lin, the Vancouver-based Fujianese Friendship Association (CFFA) has partnered with S.U.C.C.E.S.S., one of B.C.'s largest social service agencies, and is accepting scholarship applications. International and local post-secondary students can apply for the scholarships for international students worth up to $1,500.

Lin, the president of the CFFA, is funding the scholarship for international students to inspire the next generation of youth to strive for academic excellence and to get involved in their community. Lin believes that Canada, as a multicultural country, has a unique place in the global village. His mission is to encourage all international students in Greater Vancouver to pursue high-quality education in Canada and to recognize their responsibility as part of this multicultural nation.

CONTRIBUTED

Guangyu Wang, assistant dean at UBC faculty of forestry, whose students have often received the scholarships, says the scholarships benefit both the students and society as a whole, and he encourages more students to apply.

"The scholarships reward students with volunteer experience who have given back in some way," says Wang, adding that since 2014, the scholarships have begun emphasizing applicants' volunteer experience, and that volunteer experience with S.U.C.C.E.S.S. is particularly advantageous.

Since the scholarships started in 2013, $93,000 has been awarded to 81 local and international students.

The CFFA and S.U.C.C.E.S.S. are also awarding scholarships to students who are of Fujianese or Taiwanese origin at all levels of schooling — secondary, undergraduate and graduate — called the 10-year fund for educational award. Since it was established in 2012, the 10-year fund for educational award has gone to 150 students for a total of $79,500. The application deadline for both scholarships is March 20 and scholarships will be awarded on April 11.

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NFL

Seahawks land Pro Bowl tight end Graham

The Seattle Seahawks' search for a tight end has landed the two-time NFC champions Jimmy Graham.

The Seahawks and New Orleans Saints agreed to a trade Tuesday sending Graham to Seattle in exchange for veteran centre Max Unger, pending a physical. The trade is also expected to include Seattle sending its first-round pick this year to the Saints and the Seahawks receiving New Orleans' fourth-round selection.

Adding pass-catching options for Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson appeared to be an off-season priority. But rather than going into free agency, the Seahawks went after one of the top pass catchers in the league regardless of position, and a perennial Pro Bowl tight end.

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MLB

Jays' Stroman likely out for year with torn ACL

The Toronto Blue Jays suffered a body blow Tuesday with the news that young starter Marcus Stroman is expected to miss the entire season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee during a fielding drill.

Stroman, a 2012 first-round pick, appeared in 26 games for the Blue Jays last season. He went 11-6 with a 3.65 earned-run average and 111 strikeouts in 130-2/3 innings.

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Canucks ascend to 19th in Future Watch

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Jake Virtanen is the Canucks' top prospect according to The Hockey News' Future Watch. CLAUS ANDERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Prospects always come to the forefront during trade season, as many future stars change teams, joining a seller's farm system as it looks to rebuild. The timing of Future Watch, our all-prospect issue at The Hockey News, couldn't be better. How do the Canucks' top youngsters fare this year?

Our panel of NHL head scouts and GMs graded Vancouver's developmental crop at a B-minus this season and 19th among 30 franchises. The group includes anyone in the organization 21 and younger, meaning Bo Horvat, 19, falls under the umbrella. Nineteenth may not seem exciting, but it is considering the Canucks finished 27th, 29th and 28th the three years prior. Those low ranks were the result of contending for Stanley Cups and rarely picking high in the draft. A jump to 19th is a success.

Future Watch also ranks the NHL's top 75 prospects (only factoring in non-full-time-NHLers, so Horvat doesn't qualify) and each team's top 10, the latter of which is achieved with the franchise's help. The Canucks have four players in the top 75 overall: Jake Virtanen at 15th, Thatcher Demko at 46th, Jacob Markstrom at 56th and Jared McCann at 69th.

Virtanen impressed the scouting panel a lot this year as a blue-chip power forward. He's bounced back nicely from shoulder surgery to average better than a point per game with the WHL's Calgary Hitmen. He acquitted himself well at the world juniors with Canada and looks like a James Neal type of player. Demko has done nothing to shed his "goalie of the future label." The big American's sophomore year with Boston College is even better than his freshman one.

Markstrom may seem like a curious choice since he's up in the NHL right now, but the rankings were finalized before Ryan Miller's injury, and Markstrom hasn't "graduated" to the NHL permanently. His size and potential continue to tantalize, and his AHL numbers show how talented he is. His struggles since coming back up, however, suggest he has mental hurdles to clear. McCann has really lit it up with Sault Ste. Marie and is a strong skater. He still has to get physically stronger, though, and is further away from the NHL than Virtanen.

So why do these rankings matter? For one, they're trusted. True story: before signing with the Minnesota Wild, Zach Parise and Ryan Suter consulted Future Watch to see what kind of help the team had coming. Secondly: the rankings come from the people who scout, draft and develop these prospects. Bo Horvat ranked 12th overall in Future Watch 2014, and look at him now.

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Jared McCann's points per game in the OHL this season, up from 0.97 a year ago.

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2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee

- **Type.** Four-door, five-passenger midsize SUV
- **Engines (hp).** 3.6-litre V6 (290), 5.7-litre V8 (360) 3.0-L V6 Diesel (240), 6.4-litre V8 (475)
- **Transmissions.** Eight-speed automatic
- **Price.** Base $40,495, as-tested $68,580 (excluding destination)

Market position

By putting the diesel into just the high-end trims, Jeep hopes to take on German brands such as Mercedes-Benz and BMW. This SUV does everything the competitors' vehicles do, but may face an uphill battle with buyers who prefer those traditional top-shelf nameplates.

Points

- The Grand Cherokee comes in five trim lines and choice of four engines, including a 475-hp V8 in the performance SRT model.
- The Overland name comes from Willys-Overland, one of the Jeep manufacturers during the Second World War.
- The diesel version can tow up to 3,265 kg (7,200 lbs.) and go up to 1,100 km on a tank of fuel.

Everything from a heated steering wheel to rear seat entertainment is available for the Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Interesting features

Standard 4x4, capless fuel fill, trailer sway control, and dual-zone climate control; available heated steering wheel, air suspension, dual sunroof, adaptive cruise control, rear-seat entertainment system.

Jeep's take on the premium SUV

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Review. The 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee EcoDiesel holds up with top of the line features

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Diesel has long been popular in Europe for luxury vehicles, but while it's still relatively rare in cars here, it's showing up more and more on premium SUVs, including the Jeep Grand Cherokee EcoDiesel.

These engines are all about torque (in the Grand Cherokee's case, 420 lb.-ft.) delivered almost right at the start for strong acceleration and solid mid-range power. They also offer relatively good fuel economy and long range with fewer fill-ups, although most are pricier than their gasoline siblings, as is their fuel these days as well.

The Grand Cherokee starts at $40,495 for a V6 gas engine, for example, and you can also get a gas V8. But in an effort to compete with the premium diesel-powered brands, Jeep is only offering the diesel in the top-line Overland and Summit models, where the engine option adds as much as $7,145 to the price. And while my Overland tester was already luxuriously equipped with such standard features as heated and ventilated leather seats, suede-style headliner, navigation system, and heated power-adjustable steering wheel, it also had add-on options including a rear-seat Blu-Ray entertainment system and such electronic safety features as adaptive cruise control and collision warning, which brought it to $68,580.

Diesel engines can offer decent fuel economy and a whole lot of torque.

That's a lot of cash, but the company has learned a lot about interiors over the last few years, and I'd put this up against any of its premium-brand competitors. The materials are top-notch, it's all extremely comfortable, and almost everything's easy to use. The one misstep is an electronic shifter for the eight-speed automatic that's far too fiddly. This would be a great place for Chrysler's dial-style shifter unit.

An air suspension lowers for easy access or rises for off-road, and you can select optimal settings to handle snow, sand, or rock, along with four-wheel low gearing. The ultimate irony is that few will actually take such a pricey truck into the tough stuff, but especially with this engine and its low-end power, owners will at least know they can.

Compare

1 Volkswagen Touareg Diesel
Base price: $53,975
VW remains among the diesel leaders, and the Touareg's version is smooth and great to drive.

2 BMW X5 xDrive35d
Base price: $67,000
Available three-row seating makes this diesel a premium alternative for larger families.

3 Porsche Cayenne Diesel
Base price: $71,300
Porsche's largest SUV remains its best-selling model among all the company's vehicles.

DRIVE

World Car of the Year finalists announced

New York. Mustang, C Class and Passat all in the running for automotive honour

The Ford Mustang, the Mercedes-Benz C Class and the Volkswagen Passat will compete in April for one of the automotive world's most prestigious awards, World Car of the Year. The ultimate winner, scheduled to be revealed at a special gala ceremony on the eve of the New York International Auto Show on April 2, will be decided by a panel of 75 of the world's leading automotive journalists, via a secret ballot.

Of the three finalists, the new Volkswagen Passat has made the list due to winning the European Car of the Year Award, which itself was announced on the eve of the Geneva Motor Show, on Monday.

As well as the overall winner, the World Car of the Year ceremony also recognizes excellence in other classes and awards will also be given for the Luxury Car of the Year, Performance Car of the Year and Green Car of the Year.

In 2014, the Audi A3 scooped the ultimate prize while the Porsche 911 GT3 and Mercedes Benz S Class grabbed the awards for performance car and luxury car respectively.

This year the BMW M4/M3, Jaguar F-Type R Coupe and the Mercedes-Benz AMG GT will be competing on performance while the BMW i8, Mercedes Benz S Class Coupe and Range Rover Autobiography Black LWB will be competing in the luxury car category. AFP

The Volkswagen Passat has already won the European Car of the Year. VOLKSWAGEN

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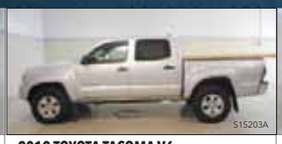

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S13455C

2012 CHEVROLET CRUZE LT TURBO

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Geneva Motor Show. Ford delivers the cutting edge

One of the busiest stands at this year's Geneva Motor Show is Ford's, the centerpiece of which is the new Ford GT supercar. But the company has something to offer to meet every driver's needs.

Like the original 1960s GT40, the new GT — making its European debut — was built to beat Ferrari, and as a showcase for the company's capabilities. It uses an environmentally responsible 3.5-liter v6 engine yet, thanks to turbocharging, produces over 600bhp. Built almost entirely from carbon fiber and aluminum, when it goes on sale for €340,000 (roughly $548,742) in 2016, production will be limited to 250 examples a year globally.

"The GT is the ultimate execution of an enthusiast super car," said Raj Nair, Ford group vice president. But while the GT is out of reach for most enthusiasts, the new Focus RS, which made its global debut this week, at roughly one tenth of the price, isn't. Potentially the hottest hatch in the company's history, it comes with over 300bhp and four-wheel drive and even has a special drift button for cornering like a rally star. And yet, the car is practical enough for the school run. It's the shape of things to come for the company.

Quoted

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Jim Farley, Ford Motor Company executive vice president

"It's our mission to make performance accessible to as many people as possible," said Jim Farley, Ford Motor Company executive vice president and president Europe, Middle East and Africa.

By 2020, Ford plans to have revealed 12 new performance cars for all budgets. "This promises to be a vintage era for driving enthusiast," he said.

This year's Geneva show is awash with supercars and hot hatchbacks but there is also a strong focus on luxury and SUV and crossover models, making Ford's stand a microcosm of current global car trends.

The company unveiled a new flagship SUV, the Edge, based on the Mondeo platform and offering what Ford claims is class-leading amounts of interior space. The model brings Ford's European crossover range up to three, the smallest of which, the EcoSport has also been given a facelift for 2015. AFP

The Ford GT was built to beat Ferrari. THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Automakers bank on driver desire for comfort and style

The Lexus LF-SA combines a luxury vehicle with advanced infotainment technology. HANDOUT

Autopilot. At the Geneva Motor Show, beauty and technology shared the spotlight

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The automotive industry is always interesting, but lately it's *more* interesting.

In fact, judging by what was on display at last week's show in Geneva, the industry is on fire.

On fire in a good way, of course, and maybe because the industry has to respond to a multitude of cultural and technical trends, and nothing stimulates creativity and performance like a challenge.

Some of the culture and technical challenges include self-driving vehicles, electric and fuel-cell propulsion, super-connected vehicles and infotainment systems, more urban living, having to compete globally in markets that were not historically predisposed to your brand's particular strengths, and, increasingly so, the spectre of the world's largest and most aggressive and technological-orientated companies — Google and Apple — considering respective moves onto the auto industry turf.

So much of the cool stuff that debuted at Geneva this year embraces some or all of those challenges.

Here are three concepts worthy of your perusal, because they did it with such aplomb.

All three are quite different but they look equally amazing, which bodes well for all of us who view cars as more than just transportation.

Quoted

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In the future, we may be chauffeured in conveyances fuelled by antimatter and electronically leashed to some sort of highway network, but that doesn't mean they have to look like crap.

The drive to look good seems pretty much entrenched.

Volkswagen Sport Coupe GTE

Sport Coupe GTE is a vision of a vehicle VW is contemplating to position above the current CC coupe, as one the brand's more premium offerings. It looks like a coupe, but has four doors and a tailgate. The GTE signifies "plug-in hybrid" in VW vernacular. VW said it has a top speed of 155 mph and returns 118 mpg. When drivers wear smart watches or the connected armband, the vehicle can select a route — exciting or gentle — to match your biometric data.

Lexus LF-SA Concept

The LF-SA is a vision of what Lexus might consider for customers who need a small, urban vehicle, but who still view driving as a luxury experience, and one they are unprepared to forgo.

The tiny vehicle can seat four in a pinch, but the driver cockpit gets overwhelming priority.

The driver's seat is fixed, with adjustable steering wheel and pedals, bringing the vehicle to the driver. The front passenger seat, however, slides, allowing access to the rear.

The infotainment system includes a hologram-style digital display.

Bentley EXP 10 Speed 6

According to Bentley, the EXP 10 Speed 6 is not just a new sports car concept.

It could be a future new model, and its styling — described as "lean, toned and precise" — could also influence future Bentley models.

The precision comes from 3D styling details, such as the iconic Bentley mesh grille, which is no longer flat on the EXP, but includes latticework of varying depths, only visible when viewed at an angle.

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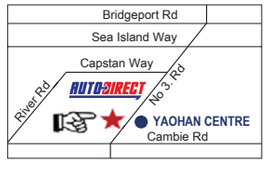

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Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

EV interest grows through cul-de-sac effect

Nissan CEO Carlos Ghosn notes in a post on LinkedIn that the Renault-Nissan Alliance recently sold its 200,000th zero-emissions car, a Nissan Leaf. Launched four years ago, the Leaf is "by far" the top-selling electric vehicle worldwide, he wrote, with sales up 20 per cent this year. In an article titled Zero-Emission Cars: Both Consumers and the Environment Win, Ghosn lists several reasons why electric-vehicle sales are expected to only get healthier. They are: convenient, economical, fun, reliable, and their buyers tend to become almost evangelical about their vehicle's virtues. The first Leaf owners in a neighbourhood share their enthusiasm with neighbours, friends and family, said Ghosn, "(and) sales grow as more people see and experience the benefits first-hand." **ALL STORIES AND PHOTOS FROM WHEELBASEMEDIA.COM**

Nissan boss Carlos Ghosn says that the Leaf's increasing popularity is partially due to owners who like to tell other people about the electric vehicle.

Bolt might get a new name, will be sold all over North America

General Motors has officially confirmed a Reuters news agency report that it will build and sell the Chevrolet Bolt electric car, with production expected to begin late next year, and sales soon after. GM North America president Alan Batey confirmed at the Chicago Auto Show in mid-February that the Bolt would be built at the Orion Assembly Plant, 50 kilometres north of Detroit, Mich. First shown in January at the Detroit Auto Show, the Bolt is a battery electric hatchback with a 320-kilometre range. GM CEO Mary Barra pegged its price at $37,500 US, before incentives. The production version of the Bolt Concept — a name change could be in the offing — will be offered in all 50 states and Canada.

With a range of 320 kilometres, the Bolt will be sold in all 50 U.S. states as well as Canada.

Shift points

- Toyota will triple production of its new Mirai fuel-cell sedan next year, sparked by an unexpected glut of orders. It will increase production to 2,000 units next year — almost triple the 700 Mirais slated for this year.
- California boasts the highest rate of electric vehicles purchased, with five in every 1,000 vehicles sold there using an outlet to charge batteries, says a U.S. Energy Information Administration report.
- Kansas City, Mo., has set its sights on establishing an electric-car infrastructure in 2015, working with a local utility company to build a network of charge sites throughout the area.

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Japanese Kei cars prompt tiny truck and travel trailer combo

Called too cute for words by some in the automotive media, Honda recently showed a tiny pickup and camping-trailer concept at the Japanese Camping Show that elicited smiles from almost everyone who viewed it. The N-Truck and N-Camp travel trailer concept is based on the smaller-than-small Japanese minicar class known as Kei cars, which is a highly competitive market that exists only in Japan; they are the only cars that can be bought in crowded Japanese cities without their buyers not having to first prove that they already have a dedicated parking space for it. Kei cars are limited in size, engine displacement and power; the Honda concept is based on its N-Box kei car.

This Honda car-camper combo uses a Kei class vehicle, which is the only vehicle class in Japan that doesn't require the owner to prove that they have a permanent place it park it.

VW plug-ins will use new standard plug for charging

Volkswagen will adopt the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)-approved CCS Combo-plug standard for fast charging plug-in vehicles, notes alternative vehicle website, Green Car Reports. VW is so committed to the standard that it will include Combo-plug capability on every plug-in vehicle it sells going forward. United States CEO Michael Horn says the new standard adds the capability for "very fast" charging, perhaps to 80 per cent of battery capacity within about 15 minutes for a 14-kilowatt lithium-ion battery pack, like what powers the Cross Coupe GTE mid-size tall-wagon concept shown at the Detroit Auto Show in January. The SAE's approval of the standard is intended to establish a common EV charging system for use with plug-in hybrid and battery-electric vehicles.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
No matter how busy you are, find an outlet for your physical desires. Mars, your ruler, is so strong today that mental challenges won't be enough.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
There is someone you want to know better but can't think of an approach. What happens today will throw you together and before you know it you will be more than just friends.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Make sure your ambitions are not too outrageous because if they are you may fall short of what you expect of yourself and your confidence will suffer.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Your mind is a powerful tool and if you think positive thoughts today and for the rest of the week there is no doubt that positive things will occur.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone who is as different to you as chalk is to cheese will make a big impression on you today, big enough perhaps to change your assumptions about certain kinds of people.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Others will respond to you extremely well today — it's as if they are making a special effort to be nice to you. Take advantage of the situation by telling them what it is you need.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A relationship that has been going through a rocky phase needs to be dealt with once and for all. Cosmic activity in your opposite sign of Aries suggests it may be better to call it a day.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Don't let people's criticisms make you feel guilty because the planets indicate you've done nothing wrong. The reason they are having a go at you is because they envy your abilities.

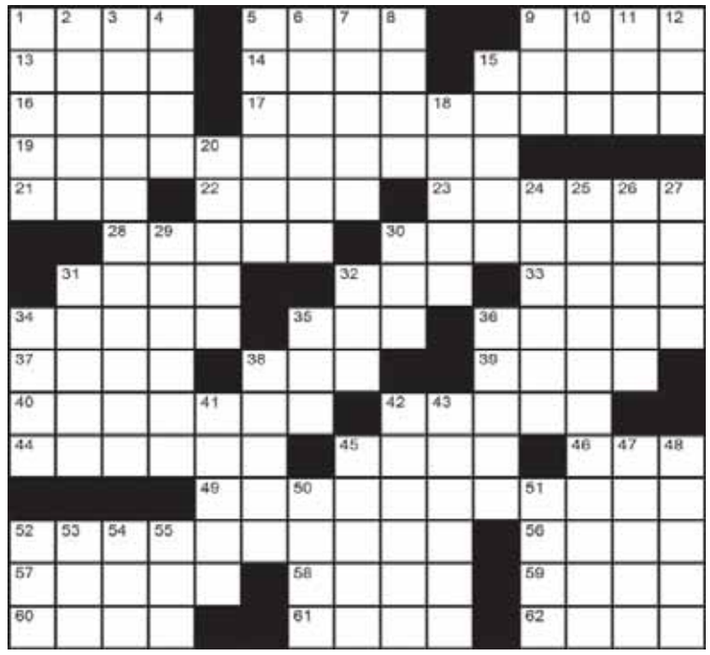
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
There is good in everybody and if you find that hard to believe what happens by the end of the day will convince you.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
There's no point getting involved in something you won't enjoy, so let those trying to persuade you to get involved know you're having none of it.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You can get almost anything you desire now. Your charm levels are such that few people will be able to deny you, no matter how outrageous some of your demands might be.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You don't lack for courage but the planets warn you could cross the line into recklessness. They also warn friends and finances won't go together over the next 24 hours.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Music Keys: F and A, e.g.
5. Robbie Robertson's "Hell's Half __"
9. Put cargo on board
13. Flu symptom
14. Tallow source
15. Ecum __, Nova Scotia
16. Zippo
17. Those who explore caves
19. Canada's largest national park, it's on the Alberta/NWT border: 2 wds.
21. Queen E.'s youngest
22. Ostrich-like birds
23. Tiredly walk
28. Gordon Lightfoot's "The Way _ __"
30. Adrian of "Entourage"
31. 'Seniors', shortened
32. "Oh, give __ _ home..."
33. Li'l legislators
34. Bakery item
35. Gamble
36. "___ __ out!" (Behave!)
37. Play _ __ (Participate in some tennis)
38. Useful souvenir
39. 'Import' suffix
40. Earth invader
42. Billy Bob Thornton series on FX Canada
44. Allocate
45. Art Deco designer
46. Canadian hwy. miles
49. Canada's Bread Basket... The Prairies sight: 2 wds.
52. "Waiting So Long" Vancouver band: 2 wds.
56. Almond hue
57. Victor Garber show
58. Artist sampled on Eminem's "Stan"
59. Air assault
60. Sci-Fi classic, "The __" (1958)
61. Actor Mr. Bean
62. Years: Spanish

Down
1. Paul McCartney's "__ __ Was Lonely"
2. Put in _ __ word (Recommend)
3. Those taking home trophies at this weekend's on-CTV-music-honouring show in Hamilton: 2 wds.
4. "The Bad __" (1956)
5. Acquire, as duties
6. Needing-sugar neighbour's request
7. Coral formations
8. "...__ __ tete, Alouette..."
9. Albanian currency
10. Deck symbol
11. Hard: French
12. British writer Mr. Forster, et al.
15. Bedroom buzzzzz...
18. 'U' of UHF
20. 'Wilde' tail (Gnu)
24. Hardly heralded like many a hero
25. Particular soda pop container: 3 wds.
26. Wishes granter
27. Formerly
29. Little Richard's "Tutti __"
30. Capture
31. Slugger Sammy's
32. "Family Guy" sister
34. Lady: Spanish
35. Veggie burger need
36. Baseball great Rod
38. Lord's house
41. "Fancy" rapper Ms. Azalea's
42. Actress Ms. Pinto
43. "News __ __" (Global News program in Toronto)
45. Oscar-winner Mr. Redmayne
47. "Extra" host Mr. Lopez
48. Earring choices
50. Chaps
51. Olympian queen
52. Concealer-applying amount
53. "__ get it!" (Telephone-ringing exclamation)
54. Macaw-starring 2011 animation
55. Bar bill

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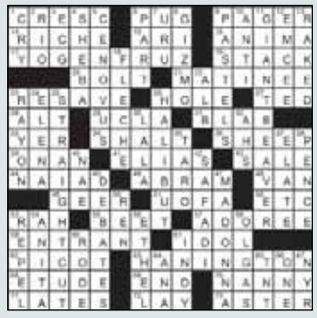

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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2	3	1	6	4	5	7	9	8
8	4	2	1	9	6	5	7	3
3	1	5	7	2	8	9	4	6
9	7	6	5	3	4	8	1	2
7	9	4	3	8	1	6	2	5
6	2	8	4	5	7	1	3	9
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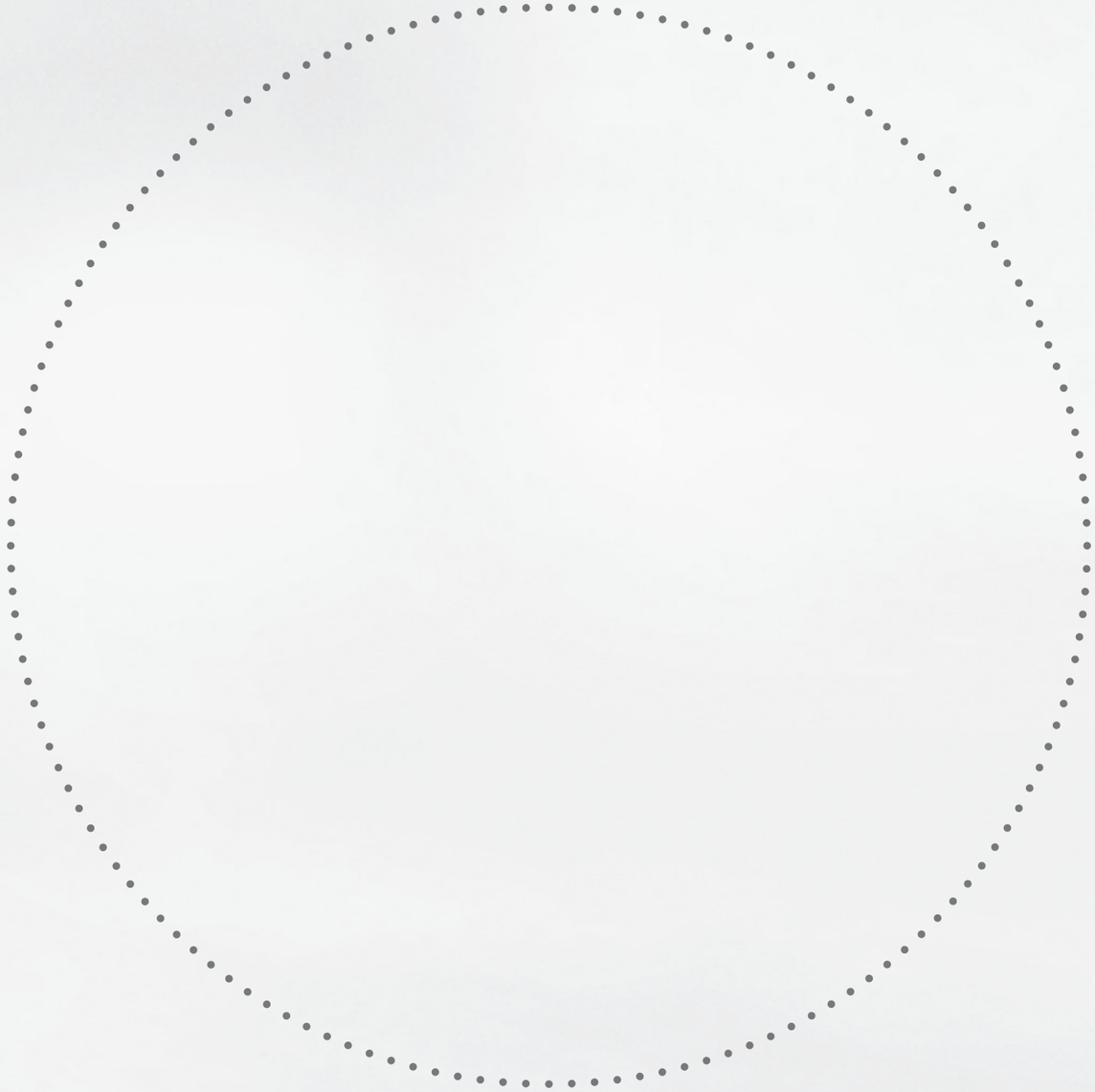

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